## **Proclamation**

## NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH APRIL, 2017

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse are felt by a whole community and need to be addressed by the entire community; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because partnerships are created among social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, local governments, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, youth-serving prevention programs offer positive alternatives for young people and encourage youth to develop strong ties to their community; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Emmitsburg, Maryland do hereby proclaim the month of April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month in the Town of Emmitsburg and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the Emmitsburg community.

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